

VENDERS OF MONTANA BEER MAY HAVE TO PAY U. S. TAX

Officials Say Dealers Who Handled Goods Brewery Admitted Making Are Liable If Government Chooses to Act.

Indictment of O. H. P. Shelley, former state prohibition director, on a charge of accepting bribes from brewers and druggists. Following an investigation of the Montana Brewery of Great Falls, owned by Johnson & Jensen, for the illegal manufacture of beer, has raised among local soft drink vendors a question as to whether the amount of the investigations will not be a levying of a federal tax against all dealers who handled the beer the brewery admitted making. Federal tax officials here, understand that at the time the brewery was raided, books containing a record of sales to retailers were seized.

"There is no question but that dealers who handle the illegal beer made at the Montana brewery are liable for a tax if the government chooses to act," it was stated Thursday at the federal tax offices here.

Under rulings now operative, any dealer who handles alcoholic beverages are liable for a tax of \$1,025. Tax officials say unqualifiedly that the Great Falls brewery will be required to pay a tax for the manufacture of liquor involved in the proprietor's plea of guilty, and it was stated here recently by an enforcement officer that the owners have offered the government \$20,000 as a compromise settlement.

Tax to Be Determined

Tax officials say, however, that the amount of tax to be demanded of the brewery will be determined by the prohibition department, the tax department's function being that of making the collection after the amount is fixed. Some difficulty has been experienced in determining the amount of the brewery's tax, it is said by officials, because of the supposed fact that no record was kept of the beer manufactured with alcoholic content.

The Montana brewery figures in the Shelley indictment as one of the firms alleged to have paid the former director for the privilege of operating. Dates

are given in reports from Butte on which the brewery is alleged to have paid a total of \$6,500 to Shelley. A total of \$72,500 is alleged to have been paid to Shelley by John S. and Charles McKibbin, proprietors of the McKibbin drug store here. They declined to make any comment on the matter Thursday. Amounts alleged to have been received by Shelley from different breweries and druggists in the state are as follows:

Montana Brewing company, Great Falls, \$5,000 on September 15, 1921.
American Brewing company, Lewistown, \$300 on October 12, 1921.
Montana Brewing company, Great Falls, \$700 on October 14, 1921.
Montana Brewing company, Great Falls, \$500 on November 15, 1921.
American Brewing company, Lewistown, \$600 on December 2, 1921.
Montana Brewing company, Great Falls, \$500 on December 10, 1921.
American Brewing company, Lewistown, \$300 on January 20, 1922.

Drug Store Cases

Parchen Drug company, Helena, \$150 on March 13, 1922.
F. S. Williams, druggist in Billings, \$250 on March 14, 1922.
F. S. Williams, Billings, \$375 on March 27, 1922.
John S. McKibbin and Charles McKibbin, in the drug business in Great Falls, \$62.50 on May 6, 1922.
John S. McKibbin and Charles McKibbin, Great Falls, \$965 on May 22, 1922.

The Montana brewery was raided by county and state officials a short time before Shelley was suspended from office, but the resulting charge brought against the owners failed in district court. At the hearing, there was a divergence in the alcoholic content of exhibits entered by the prosecution and the defense, and a court order officers procured new exhibits from the brewery. Consideration of these exhibits by the court resulted in dismissal of the case.

PROVE VALUE OF SHOOTING TIGHT SAND IN NORTH AREA

Thornton, Offset to Gladys Belle, Brought in With Big Shot After Dry Hole Reported; Twenty-fourth Producer in Field.

The possibilities of shooting wells in the Kevin-Sunburst field to obtain production were only showings of oil development was again demonstrated Wednesday night when the Ohio-Sunburst-Thornton No. 2, on section 17-35-2 W., diagonal offset to the Gladys Belle, was shot and brought in a good producer.

The report from the field Thursday was that the oil had risen 700 feet in the casing despite 200 feet of shale brought down in the hole as a result of shooting. The shooters used 80 quarts of nitro glycerin in the well. The sand in which the Gladys Belle had production was found to be tight in the Thornton well and not more than a showing of oil was obtained. The hole was continued down to the Madison limestone without result and it was then bridged back and shot. The flow that resulted made oil men present at the well confident that the well is a good one, although the amount of shale and other material dropping in the hole retarded the flow. It will be cleaned out and casing dropped back on cap rock.

The bringing in of the Thornton well marks the twenty-fourth producing oil well in the Kevin-Sunburst field. In addition, there are four wells of gas production of importance, the Ohio-Berg, Ohio-Sinden, Ohio-Sunburst-Barr and the Lotus.

Of the wells that have been effective, by shot, the Homestake, the Sunburst-Zimmerman, the Gladys Belle-Fryberger and several of the Ohio-Sunburst wells in the northern part of the field are examples. In each case of the shooting of the wells has increased the flow of oil. In the case of the Homestake-Riebe and the Thornton well, there have been but little

better than showings of oil when shooting made good wells.

The shooting of wells in the field is yet under difficulties, as all of the nitro glycerin must be transported by automobile from the Wyoming fields and shooters brought from Casper have done the work. If the principle of shooting wells is followed, as it now appears may often be the case, it is thought that supplies of explosive will be kept on hand at the field.

The cost of shooting a well in the Kevin-Sunburst field now is from \$400 to \$500, depending upon the size of the shot placed in the hole. For shooting a well with 80 quarts, the charge is about \$300, depending somewhat on the length of time taken in preparing the well and supervising the cleaning out.

Boys Driving Stolen Automobile Collide With Applegate Stage

The Applegate automobile stage was badly damaged Thursday night when it collided with a car belonging to Dr. C. J. Breeser, which was being piloted by a trio of boys who appropriated it from the Columbus hospital about 9 o'clock, according to a report made to the police.

The boys who had the Breeser car ran into an alley before they could be identified by anyone who witnessed the crash, which occurred at the corner of First avenue south and Eighth street. They were thought to be about 15 or 20 years of age.

The Breeser car was but little damaged.

Two Forfeit Bail in Police Court

Frank Kopa, charged with drunkenness and assaulting John Hajek, piano tuner, forfeited \$25 bail when he failed to appear in police court Thursday morning on Central avenue by Police Sergeant D. T. McElliott and Officer William Murray. E. M. Whittier and Victor Matson each paid \$10 fines for drunkenness.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. O. De Luc, 1101 1/2 Ninth street south, at the Columbus hospital, November 15, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gollehon, 2318 First avenue, at the Columbus hospital, November 16, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Gillis, 722 Sixteenth street north, at the Columbus hospital, November 16, a son.



Good Things are Worth Repeating so We Say to You Business is Good at the Paris



Radio Radio Radio

—Double regeneration means double the range and audibility.

—The Paris makes this set in three sizes and two types, priced from \$50.00 to \$135.00 complete. One of these sets is the one you want.

Paris Dry Goods Company

—The man or the store that sits back and says on account of this, that or something else, times are dull, usually gets just what is coming to him.

—Prattle about dullness is a mongrel theory, sired by mental weakness, mothered by indifference and nursed by the universal tendency of some individuals to fight shy of work.

—Better to roll up both sleeves instead of spending time telling other people about the world being wrong and that you have allowed the fires of energy to burn out.

—Let's have more whistling and less whining.

—Great Falls is entering an area of the greatest prosperity in its history. Let those look out who lag behind.

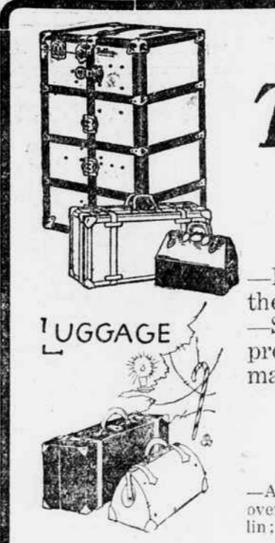
—This store makes sure of being so busy that it hasn't time to make imaginary mountains out of mole hills.

—Busyness and betterness go hand in hand at The Paris.

Exceptional Value Dress Gingham - 18c

—Small lot of zephyr dress gingham for children's dresses, women's aprons. Plaids, checks and plain colors. 27 inches wide. Cleanup sale.

Special Yard 18c



Special Inducements on Trunks and Luggage

—Because we must make room for the Holiday Goods and Toys.

—Such low prices as these make it profitable to purchase your Christmas Luggage now.

Women's Gladstone Leather Bags

—A popular style for short trips, week-ends and overnight stays. Full lined with blue silk poplin; 22-inch sizes, \$18.50 values. Special \$14.85.

Belber Wardrobe Trunks \$35.00

—Standard size, roomy garment section and complete drawer section with hat box. A very sturdy, good looking wardrobe.

Belber Wardrobe to Close \$48.00

—Extra well constructed, patent parenthetic locking device. Extra deep drawer section and roomy garment section.

Extra Capacity Belber Wardrobe \$65.00

—If you need lots of room in your wardrobe trunk, here is your opportunity to get a sturdy wardrobe at a modest price.

Boston Bags \$1.65

—A good medium priced Boston bag makes a fine shopping bag or splendid for toilet articles in traveling.

Cowhide Bag 18 Inch, \$9.85

—Black or mahogany color, full leather lined. Extra piece of leather reinforces both ends.

Hand Bordered Cowhide Bag \$12.75

—Very fine soft quality of leather, built for service. Both black and mahogany color.

Sale! Aprons \$1.49

Values to \$2.95

—They are pretty, they are smart looking. Fashioned of good ginghams and percales in light or dark colors.

—Big assortment, many styles.

Sale! Silk Petticoats \$2.95

—A few left from values up to \$7.50.

—Some have accordion plaited flounces, some have ruffles. They are all exceptional values, but we advise early shopping, as the quantity is limited.

Skating Gloves \$1.50 up

—Knitted in the fluffy brushed wool effect. The bright colors are red, green, heather, brown and white.

Fur Collar Handsome Coats Announced Today

\$19.50

Just Received Them, First Time Shown. New Themes Matchless Values

—Scores of stunning coats in a variety of styles that will please the most discriminating woman. Superbly fashioned of the wanted materials and richly fur trimmed or plain tailored. Lovely silk linings.

The Materials Are—Velour, Bolivia, Fashona and Mixed Weaves.

The Colors Are—Navy, Hindu, Black, Tans and Browns.

—The trimmings include novel sleeves, pockets in some, silk embroidered designs in semi-bloused, wrappy straight line and belted models. Notice the sketch with luxurious high fur collar that may turned down also.



—Main Ready-to-Wear Section.

What Makes Our Corset and Brassiere Depts. So Popular



—"Why, it's the Netherall, the new undergarment for girls and women who 'think' they don't need a corset—taking the town by storm, and deservedly, too. We are all sold on it.

—"You see, the Netherall is one garment performing the service of three. It replaces the vest, the brassiere and the girdle, giving needed support and control without restricting freedom in any degree.

—"Another thing, the Netherall launders so readily, you wash it in warm water and dry it—no ironing required. The materials are soft suede cloth and silk thicott.

"In colors?" Oh, yes! Orchid and flesh, besides white. Very reasonable, too, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$10.00. A truly beautiful garment. Step into our shop and see for yourself."

Special Group of Corsets at - - - \$1.49

—Exceptional values in three well known makes.

—New C. B. Corsets, American Lady and Gossard Junior.

Slender and Average Models

—And you may select pink or white. If you need a good corset for general wear or if the high school miss needs one, now is most certainly the time to choose.

—Sizes, 21 to 28. —Corset Section.

Rubin's Silk and Wool \$1.00 Shirts for Infants

—This sale is a nation-wide event due to the 30th anniversary of the Rubin Manufacturing Co.

—Extraordinary values in every respect. Regulation sizes. Special, \$1.00.

Now Comes The Most Remarkable

Silk Sale

of the entire year in which we offer you Silks that were regularly priced at

3.45 3.95 4.50 4.95 5.50
6.50 and 6.95 per yard

at \$3.45 yd.

—Coming in the face of advancing prices, this sale is unusual, but we have good reasons for it.

—Some of the weaves there are but a shade or two left—some there remains but a dress pattern or two on the piece, and frankly, some haven't sold as well as we hoped they would, and many are recent arrivals that were purchased prior to the rise of prices.

—About 30 pieces—approximately 650 yards —and 15 kinds of weaves.

—Several dark blues, blacks and browns, besides taupe, kelly, peony, white, myrtle green, gray, jade and cerise.

Values to \$6.95 \$3.45 Choice, Yard

Muffler Time Is Here

And Mufflers at The Paris By the Score

—Men will be pleased with the smart styles and the big stock from which to choose, including

—Silk Mufflers.

—Fiber Mufflers.

—Silk Knit Mufflers.

—Wool Knit Mufflers.

—The particular mufflers that you need will be here. To those women who are choosing gifts for men this early, we invite you to visit our men's section.



Rope Stitch White Sweaters Are Here

—These models are preferred by men and women who wear sweaters a great deal. Coat style, all pure wool, with high or low collar.

10.75

Pull-Over White Sweaters

—Knitted by the famous Skaker method, which is beyond question the best of quality and finished workmanship. For men or women.

9.75

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs

—Offering a complete stock of all the desirable styles, in plain hemmed, initialed and fancy bordered.

—Complete stock of men's handkerchiefs in the men's section.

—Plain white, pure linen and initial, each, **25c**

—Plain white, pure linen or initial, each, **35c**

—Plain white, pure linen, 1/4-inch hem, fine count, each, **50c**

—Plain white pure linen, 1/4-inch hem, fine count, each, **65c**

—Plain white pure linen, 1/4-inch hem, fine count, each, **75c**

—Plain white, also initialed, 1/8-inch hem, each, **\$1.00**

—Plain white pure linen, 1/8-inch hem, each, **\$1.25**